<Modals and phrasal modals>

1. Al painted his bedroom black. It looks dark and dreary. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a different color.

① had to choice ② should have chosen

③ could have been chosen ④ could have been choosing

2. Tom is sitting at his desk. He’s reading his chemistry text because he has a test tomorrow.

He\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

① could study ② should be studying ③will study ④must be study

3. When Mr. Lee was younger \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work in the garden for hours but now he has to take frequent rests because he has emphysema.

① has got to ② can ③ should be able to ④ could

4. Whenever my parents went out in the evening, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the job of taking care of my younger brother.

① would get ② should get ③ must have gotten ④ had better get

5. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a furniture store. I bought a new lamp there.

① should go ② went ③ must have gotten ④ had better get

6. Tom wasn’t at the party last night. He must not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a ride. I know he wanted to come, but he didn’t have a ride.

① be able to have gotten ② to have been able to get

③ have been able to get ④ be able to get

7. Robert has a new car. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it for a very good price. He paid 30 percent less than the regular retail cost.

① could buy ② had to buy ③ was supposed to buy ④ was able to buy

8. “Did you enjoy the picnic?”

“It was okay, but I’d rather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a movie.

① go ② be going ③ have gone ④ went

9. “Why are you so sure that Ann didn’t commit the crime she’s been accused of committing?

“She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that crime because I was with her, and we were out of town that day.”

① may not have committed ② was not supposed to commit

③committed ④ couldn’t have committed

10. “Since we have to be there in a hurry, we \_\_\_\_ take a taxi.”

① had better ② may ③ have been used to ④ are able to

11. “It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rain this evening. Why don’t you take an umbrella?”

“That’s a good idea. May I borrow yours?”

① had better ② could be ③ must ④ might

12. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you hand me that pair of scissors, please?”

“Certainly..”

① May ② Shall ③ Will ④ Should

13. Larry drove all night to get here for his sister’s wedding. He\_\_\_\_ exhausted by the time he arrived

① ought to be ② Could be must ③ have been ④ will have been

14. “What are you doing here now? You will be here for another there hours. I know. We got an early start and it took less time than we expected. I hope you don’t mind.

① could not ② might not ③ had better not ④ aren’t supposed to

15. “\_\_\_\_\_\_ taking me downtown on your way to work this morning?”

“Not at all”

① could have called ② may have called

③ would you mind ④ could you please

16. “I locked myself out of my apartment. I didn’t know what to do.”

“You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your roommate.”

① could have called ② may have called ③ would have called ④ must have called

17. “You haven’t eaten anything since yesterday afternoon. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ be really hungry!”

① might ② will ③ can ④ must

18. “’How long have you been married?”

“We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have been married for twenty-three years on our next anniversary.”

① must ② should ③ will ④ could

19. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ there at 6 P.M for the meeting, but my car won’t start. Could you pleas give me a lift in your car?”

“Sure. Are you ready to go now?”

① will be ② may be ③ supposed to be ④ have got to be

20. “I lift a cookie on the table, but now it’s gone. What happened to it?”

“I don’t know. One of the children \_\_\_\_\_\_ it.”

① may have eaten ② could eat ③ had to eat ④ should have eaten

<Answer key>

1. ② 2. ④ 3. ④ 4. ① 5. ②

6. ③ 7. ④ 8. ③ 9. ④ 10. ①

11. ④ 12. ③ 13. ③ 14. ④ 15. ③

16. ① 17. ④ 18. ③ 19. ④ 20. ①